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**II. AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS**

Please enter the three replacement sheets appended hereto as Exhibit A. The replacement sheets include revised drawings of originally submitted Figures 4A and 4B, Figures 5A and 5B, and Figure 6 that include corrections of the objectionable content noted by the examiner with respect to the original drawing figures.

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### III. REMARKS

The Examiner's careful consideration is appreciated. To more distinctly define the invention, claim 1 is replaced by claim 12 and claims 3-6 and 9 are amended; claims 13-17 are added; claims 2, 7, 8, 10, and 11 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3-6, 9, 12-17 are presented for examination.

The respective paragraphs of the DETAILED ACTION are discussed below.

**1. Objections to the drawings:** New Figures 4A, 4B, Figures 5A, 5b, and Figure 6, each labeled in the top margin as a "Replacement Sheet" are included in the present amendment. Solid black shading areas are removed. The numbering and reference numerals in the replacement sheets are the same as in the originally submitted drawing figures.

**2. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112:** Although Claim 2 is cancelled, the amended and new claims are drafted to include defined antecedent bases in the limitations of the claim.

**3. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102:** Applicant submits that the new claim 12, replacing claim 11 is distinguished over US Application No. 2005/0035002 to Wang *et al.* ("Wang").

Although Wang teaches a holder for maintaining substrates in an array, the mechanical configuration of the Wang device and the holder claimed in new claim 12 is evident from a comparison of Figure 3A, Figure 8B and Paragraph 61 of Wang with the configuration of the claimed holder shown in Figure 6. Wang is useful in a liquid process; the "lip" associated with Wang 96 has the prevention of spilling as a

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function; the lip is external; the ring in the claimed block is internal and functions as a mechanical stop. In claim 12, a holder is described wherein a chamber extends through a block assembly and a ring intrinsically extends inward in the chamber section in the block longitudinally separating the chamber between a front facing electrode holding section and a rear facing spring holding section. The claimed holder thus differs in construction as well as function. In Claim 16, dependent on claim 12 or claim 9, the spring is maintained within a cylindrical retainer capsule having a top surface facing the rear end of the electrode. In Claim 17, dependent on claim 12 or claim 9, the spring includes a flange at the rear facing end thereof wherein the flange prevents forward movement of the spring retainer capsule in the chamber beyond the internal ring.

**4. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103: Wang in view of US Patent No. 2,620,061 to Uxa ("Uxa"):** If Wang teaches a retainer and spring positioned within a column containing an electrode, Uxa teaches a stud 7 to stop movement of two sliding components. Uxa's stud protrudes from the outer surface of an inner cylinder and would not be practical in a solid machined block having multiple chambers in a matrix. At the time of the invention, a person of ordinary skill would summarily dismiss Uxa as an impractical solution for a PVD matrix holder for this reason.

Applicant thus submits that the amended and new claims are neither described by nor rendered obvious by the cited references.

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#### IV. CONCLUSION

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. To more distinctly define the invention, claim 1 is replaced by claim 12 and claims 3-6 and 9 are amended; claims 13-17 are added; and claims 2, 7, 8, 10, and 11 are cancelled without prejudice. Objections to the claims and the drawings having been resolved, applicants submit that the claims are distinguished over the references cited and that the application should be allowed and passed to issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions in view of the foregoing, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone call to the undersigned.

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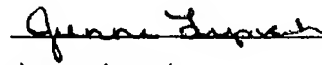
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**V. CERTIFICATE OF FILING BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I certify that the foregoing Amendment and Response To the Office Communication Mailed on May 16, 2007 (14 pages including 3 drawing sheets) accompanied by Transmittal Form PTO/SB/21 (1 page), Petition for Revival Form PTO/SB/64 (2 pages), and Authorization Re: Deposit Account (2 copies, 2 pages) are being filed by facsimile transmission on February 15, 2008 to Mail Stop Petition, Facsimile Number (571) 273-8300 [Alternate address: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Petition, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450].



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VI. REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

"EXHIBIT A"

REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

Revised drawings of originally submitted Figures 4A and 4B, Figures 5A and 5B, and Figure 6.

The solid black filler in the original drawing figures is removed. The numbering in the drawings remains the same.

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